



Media Information

Columbus Division of Police
CAP Bureau / Homicide Unit

Date: Aug. 6, 2018

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Type of Offense/Incident: Homicide

Date: Aug. 6, 2018

Time: 12:33 AM

Location of Offense/Incident: R/O 954 Geers Avenue

Zone: 2

Precinct: 11

Incident Report #: 180653699

Cruiser District: 112

Victim: Michael Benjamin Blankenship

Sex: M

Race: W

Age: 29

Victim:

Sex:

Race:

Age:

Victim:

Sex:

Race:

Age:

Suspect:

Address:

☐ Arrested

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Suspect:

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Incident Summary: On August 6, 2018, at approximately 12:33 a.m., Columbus Police officers, on routine patrol, located an unresponsive male in the alley at the rear of 954 Geers Avenue. Officers discovered the male victim, later identified as Michael Benjamin Blankenship, suffering from a gunshot wound and appearing lifeless. CFD Engine 15 responded to the scene and pronounced Mr. Blankenship deceased at 12:47 a.m.

Investigation revealed a shooting scene at the rear of 1593 E. Livingston Avenue along Denton Alley. It appears Mr. Blankenship was shot close to Seymour Avenue and Denton Alley before making his way to the rear of 954 Geers Avenue where he collapsed. Neighbors recalled hearing gunfire just after midnight, but none called the police. There is currently no known motive for the shooting and no known suspect(s).

The investigation continues.

This is the 65th Homicide in Columbus, Ohio in Calendar Year 2018. Incident #180653699.

Detective Matt Smith is the lead detective, assisted by Detective Jeff Brandt.

Anyone with information regarding this incident, is asked to call the Columbus Police Homicide Unit at (614) 645-4730 or Central Ohio Crime Stoppers at (614) 461-TIPS.

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